

CURRENT GOSSIP.

A FATHER'S STORY AND THANKS.

Why, wife, what is it please you? What makes you so take on?

You surely must be crazy; or maybe you've heard from John—

That's hardly likely, as he's been five years away.

And I can scarcely dare to hope you've heard from him to-day.

We never have 'em heard from him, and yet the day may come.

When we can welcome home again our long-absent son.

And, though there be no faded call, we'd try to make him feel

That here, so long as we're to share, he'd never want a meal.

For I know he'd be looking that day when his

And, though he spoke quite cheerfully, a tear stood in

I think he would have talked to me, but I had

turned to go.

For I was angry with him then—but why I hardly

You know that books were ever a great pleasure

to our boy.

Always seemed that nothing else could give him

so much joy.

And I let him get his hands on one, he'd go and

read away.

And I read along from morn till night, while other

boys would play.

And, wife, you know that my old dad had never

been so school.

And many times I've heard him say it made a boy

a fool.

This girl's book-learned, for they'd only

come to me, and I was

When they'd be content to stay and work upon

the farm.

And I, I guess, must be like him; for, when I saw

I see John

He's got o'er his books all day, instead of helpin'

me to do.

And I don't work about the place, I thought this boy

so good.

And I did not use him well, as, his father,

should.

But what was worst of all, one day I took away a

book.

Which he had lately borrowed, and threw it in the

brook.

And, you see, as I did, the book he gave me

was

You need not wonder why I wish to see my boy

again.

Our John, poor boy, he thought at last 'twas best

for him to go.

And he made a way from here, and then he told

me so.

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to the new when you came up again?" asked

another.

"To the contrary," he said, "I went to bed

at once, and stayed there for a week."

"At any rate," said I, "your exertions in the

Front were not wholly strategic."

"Forgive me," he rejoined, "but I think they

were. As I crossed the Channel to join the

Prince of Wales's army, I determined

to throw up a line of fortifications, and

henceforth adopt the telegram style of writing—

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price that the office of Chief Justice of the

United States was not sufficiently high to allow

the ambition of any man. "Do you know Mr.

Chase well?" asked Mr. Lincoln.

"Yes—I think so," somewhat doubtfully re-

plied the other. "Well," rejoined Mr. Lin-

coln, "let me ask you about Mr. Chase. He

is a man who, if he is really honest to

heaven, will certainly aspire to a seat on the

bench."

At another time, during a critical period

of the war, two gentlemen were consulting with

Mr. Lincoln on an important matter which required

a prompt decision. One of the gentlemen

was waiting to see him, one of them remarked

that his work seemed to be endless. For as soon

as one matter was adjusted another arose, and

that many matters must be brought before him

which it would be impossible for any man to

attend to. "That's the case of a man who is

said Mr. Lincoln. "He lived away out West,

where he had no neighbors, and worked his

farm himself. One day some friends called

and he walked out to look at the place. The

boys pointed out the use of this and that lot,

and in one place he was going to dig a well

the visitors observed a immense tree which had

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